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REMARKS

Claims 1, 30, and 39 have been amended herein. Claims 2-4, 6-8, 14-17, 23, 25-26, 33-38, 40-42, 44, and 48 are cancelled without prejudice herein.

Upon entry of this paper, claims 1, 5, 9 - 13, 18-22, 24, 27, 30 - 31, 43, 45 - 47, and 49 will be pending and under consideration. Applicants hereby request rejo nder of claims 32 and 39.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for very helpful discussions regarding this case.

The claims have been amended to specify that the compounds of he invention have the

$$G \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow N$$

formula:

where G is selected from:

a)
$$R^{13}$$

$$R^{14}$$

$$R^{13}$$

$$R^{15}$$

$$R^{13}$$

$$R^{15}$$

$$R^{13}$$

E is selected from a substituted or unsubstituted 6-10 membered aromatic heterocycle or aromatic carbocycle, such as a substituted benzene. Applicants submit that the members of this

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amended Markush group share a common utility, and share a substantial structural feature (e.g., aromaticity) essential to that utility.

Claim 30 has been amended to remove compounds relating to cancelled subject matter.

Withdrawn claim 32 relates to a method of treating a microbial infection by administering a compound of claim 1. As such, claim 32 contains all of the limitations present in claim 1. Applicants request rejoinder of this claim, as well as rejoinder of withdrawn claim 39, which depends from claim 32. See MPEP §821.04.

Applicants preserve their right to present the cancelled or withdrawn claims and subject matter in this or a related application.

Applicants submit herewith the 1449 for a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. A copy of this IDS is being sent to the Examiner via the mail. The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial the entry and make the statement of record.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Supplemental Amendment into the file.

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Should any question or issue arise concerning this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

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